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In re Application of

Takayuki Nyu

Serial No.:

09/598,477

Group Art Unit:

2662

Filed:

June 22, 2000

Examiner:

Tsegaye, Saba

For:

CIRCUIT AND METHOD FOR EXCHANGING SIGNALS BETWEEN

NETWORK NODES

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450 **RECEIVED**

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER Technology Center 2600

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

 Total Claims
 24 - 20
 PREV. PAID FOR 20
 EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT 20
 RATE x \$18.00
 FEE DUE x \$18.00
 \$ 72.00

 Indep. Claims
 8 - 7
 7
 = 1
 x \$86.00
 \$ 86.00

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

\$ 158.00

A check in the amount of \$158.00 to cover the excess claims fee is attached hereto. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: 3/3/

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